

Sununu Amendment No. 1010, to improve outpatient vision services under part B of the Medicare program. **Page S8407**

Conrad Amendment No. 1019, to provide for coverage of self-injected biologicals under part B of the Medicare program until Medicare Prescription Drug plans are available. **Pages S8415, S8417–18**

Conrad Amendment No. 1020, to permanently and fully equalize the standardized payment rate beginning in fiscal year 2004. **Pages S8415–16, S8417**

Conrad Amendment No. 1021, to address Medicare payment inequities. **Pages S8416–17**

Clinton Amendment No. 1000, to study the comparative effectiveness and safety of important Medicare covered drugs to ensure that consumers can make meaningful comparisons about the quality and efficacy. **Pages S8418–21, S8422–23**

Clinton Amendment No. 999, to provide for the development of quality indicators for the priority areas of the Institute of Medicine, for the standardization of quality indicators for Federal agencies, and for the establishment of a demonstration program for the reporting of health care quality data at the community level. **Pages S8418–19**

Clinton Amendment No. 953, to provide training to long-term care ombudsman. **Pages S8421–22**

Clinton Amendment No. 954, to require the Secretary of Health and Human Services to develop literacy standards for informational materials, particularly drug information. **Page S8422**

Reid (for Boxer) Amendment No. 1036, to eliminate the coverage gap for individuals with cancer. **Page S8424**

Reid (for Corzine) Amendment No. 1037, to permit Medicare beneficiaries to use Federally qualified health centers to fill their prescriptions. **Page S8424**

Reid (for Jeffords) Amendment No. 1038, to improve the critical access hospital program. **Page S8424**

Reid (for Inouye) Amendment No. 1039, to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide 100 percent reimbursement for medical assistance provided to a Native Hawaiian through a Federally-qualified health center or a Native Hawaiian health care system. **Page S8424**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing that at 10 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, 2003, with the approval of both the Majority Leader and the Democratic Leader, Senate proceed to vote on or in relation to an amendment by Senator Grassley or his designee regarding the benchmark, and that no amendment be in order to the amendment prior to the vote. **Page S8478**

A unanimous-consent agreement was reached providing for further consideration of the bill at 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, 2003. **Page S8478**

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Record Votes: Nine record votes were taken today. (Total—241)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m., and adjourned at 9:13 p.m., until 9:30 a.m., on Wednesday, June 25, 2003. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S8478.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

SUPPORTING OUR MILITARY FAMILIES

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Subcommittee on Children and Families concluded joint hearings with the Committee on Armed Services' Subcommittee on Personnel to examine challenges facing military families, focusing on the Reserve component family readiness and support programs, employer support, and reunion and readjustment policies, after receiving testimony from John M. Molino, Deputy Under Secretary for Military Community and Family Policy, Joseph D. Tafoya, Director, Education Activity, Colonel James L. Scott II, Director, Individual and Family Support Policy, Office of the Assistant Secretary for Reserve Affairs (Manpower and Personnel), and M.A. Lucas, Director, Army Child and Youth Services, all of the Department of Defense; Michael J. Petrilli, Associate Deputy Under Secretary of Education for Innovation and Improvement; Shelley M. MacDermid, Purdue University Military Family Research Institute, West Lafayette, Indiana; and Joyce Wessel Raezer, National Military Family Association, Alexandria, Virginia.

RAPID TRANSIT: BUS SERVICE

Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine bus rapid

transit and other bus service innovations, focusing on funding sources, flexible mass transit options, capital and operating costs, after receiving testimony from Jennifer L. Dorn, Administrator, Federal Transit Administration, Department of Transportation; JayEtta Hecker, Director, Physical Infrastructure Issues, General Accounting Office; Kenneth P. Hamm, Lane Transit District, Eugene, Oregon; Gary L. Brosch, University of South Florida National Bus Rapid Transit Institute, Tampa; Oscar Edmundo Diaz, New York University Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies, New York; and Anne Canby, Surface Transportation Policy Project, Washington, D.C.

UNITED STATES OLYMPIC COMMITTEE

Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation: Committee concluded hearings on reform of the United States Olympic Committee, after receiving testimony from Donald Fehr, Major League Baseball Players Association, Dick Ebersol, NBC Sports and Olympics, Harvey W. Schiller, Assante U.S., all of New York, New York, Roberta Cooper Ramo, Modrall Sperling, Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Donna de Varona, Greenwich, Connecticut, all on behalf of the U.S. Olympic Committee Independent Commission; Robert Balk, Long Beach, California, and Rachel Mayer Godino, Needham, Massachusetts, both on behalf of the USOC Athletes' Advisory Council; Robert Marbut, USOC National Governing Bodies' Council, San Antonio, Texas; Jim Scherr, United States Olympic Committee, Colorado Springs, Colorado; and Bill Stapleton, Capital Sports and Entertainment, Austin, Texas.

LABORATORY MANAGEMENT

Committee on Energy and Natural Resources: Committee began hearings on improved understanding of the governance of the Department of Energy laboratories and approaches to optimize the capability of those laboratories to respond to national needs, receiving testimony from John Peoples, Jr., Fermi National Accelerator Laboratory, Batavia, Illinois; Siegfried S. Hecker, Los Alamos National Laboratory, Los Alamos, New Mexico; Martha Krebs, Science Strategies, Los Angeles, California; and Herman Postma, Oak Ridge, Tennessee.

Hearings recessed subject to call.

COLUMBIA RIVER BASIN POWER SYSTEM

Committee on Environment and Public Works: Committee concluded hearings to examine implementation of the National Marine Fisheries Service's 2000 Biological Opinion for listed anadromous fish regarding operation of the Federal Columbia River Basin Power System, after receiving testimony from D. Robert Lohn, Regional Administrator, Northwest

Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce; Stephen J. Wright, Administrator, Bonneville Power Administration, Department of Energy; J. William McDonald, Regional Director, Pacific Northwest Region, Bureau of Reclamation, Department of the Interior; Colonel Dale Knieriemen, Deputy Commander, Northwestern Division, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers; Michael L. Bogert, Counsel to Governor of Idaho, Boise; Judi Danielson, Northwest Power Planning Council, and Steven Huffaker, Columbia River Fish and Wildlife Authority, both of Portland, Oregon; Anthony D. Johnson, Nez Perce Tribe, Lapwai, Idaho; and Nancy Murillo, Shoshone-Bannock Tribes, Fort Hall, Idaho.

TECHNOLOGY ISSUES WITH EUROPE

Committee on Foreign Relations: Subcommittee on European Affairs concluded hearings to examine U.S. relations with respect to a changing Europe, focusing on differing views on technology issues, the highly-integrated United States-European Union marketplace, and U.S./EU regulatory coordination, after receiving testimony from Gary Litman, U.S. Chamber of Commerce, Fred Yoder, National Corn Growers Association, Karen Myers, United States Council on International Business, and Jean Halloran, Consumers Union, all of Washington, D.C.; and Harris N. Miller, Information Technology Association of America, Arlington, Virginia.

JUVENILE DIABETES

Committee on Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded hearings to examine issues relative to controlling juvenile diabetes, focusing on the personal toll on families, financial costs to the Federal Health Care System, and research progress toward a cure, and related provisions of S. 518, to increase the supply of pancreatic islet cells for research, to provide better coordination of Federal efforts and information on islet cell transplantation, and to collect the data necessary to move islet cell transplantation from an experimental procedure to a standard therapy, after receiving testimony from Allen M. Spiegel, Director, National Institute of Diabetes and Digestive and Kidney Diseases, National Institutes of Health, Department of Health and Human Services; Bernhard J. Hering, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis; Mary Tyler Moore, New York, New York, on behalf of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International; Colleen Rea, Stamford, Connecticut; Sophia Cygnarowicz, Columbia, Illinois; Katie Halasz, Wells, Maine; Eric Bonness and Alex Bonness, both of Omaha, Nebraska; LaNiece Evans-Scott, Backlick, Ohio; and Anne Seidel, Dallas, Texas.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee resumed mark-up of S. 1125, to create a fair and efficient system to resolve claims of victims for bodily injury caused by asbestos exposure, but did not complete action thereon, and will meet again on Thursday, June 26.

Committee on Rules and Administration: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 148, to provide for the Secretary of Homeland Security to be included in the line of Presidential succession;

S. Res. 178, to prohibit Members of the Senate and other persons from removing art and historic objects from the Senate wing of the Capitol and Senate office buildings for personal use; and

S. Res. 138, to amend rule XXII of the Standing Rules of the Senate relating to the consideration of nominations requiring the advice and consent of the Senate.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Measures Introduced: 26 public bills, H.R. 2569–2594; and; 6 resolutions, H.J. Res. 61; H. Con. Res., 227–229 and H. Res. 294 and 296, were introduced. **Pages H5813–14**

Additional Cosponsors: **Pages H5814–15**

Reports Filed: Reports were filed today as follows:

H. Res. 295, providing for consideration of H.R. 2417, to authorize appropriations for fiscal year 2004 for intelligence and intelligence-related activities of the United States Government, the Community Management Account, and the Central Intelligence Agency Retirement and Disability System (H. Rept. 108-176). **Page H5813**

Speaker Pro Tempore: Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he appointed Representative Boozman to act as Speaker Pro Tempore for today. **Page H5717**

Recess: The House recessed at 9:11 a.m. and reconvened at 10 a.m. **Page H5718**

Suspensions: The House agreed to suspend the rules and pass the following measures:

Small Business Advocacy Improvement: H.R. 1772, amended, to improve small business advocacy; **Pages H5720–24**

Premier Certified Lenders Program Improvement: H.R. 923, amended, to amend the Small Business Investment Act of 1958 to allow certain premier certified lenders to elect to maintain an alternative loss reserve (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 416 yeas to 3 nays, Roll No. 303); **Pages H5724–27, H5742–43**

Veterans Entrepreneurship and Benefits Improvement Act: Debated on June 23, H.R. 1460, amended, to amend title 38, United States Code, to permit the use of education benefits under such title for certain entrepreneurship courses, to permit veterans enrolled in a vocational rehabilitation program under chapter 31 of such title to have self-employment as a vocational goal (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 421 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 304). Agreed to amend the title so as to read: “A bill to amend title 38, United States Code, to improve education and entrepreneurship benefits, housing benefits, and certain other benefits for veterans.”; and **Pages H5743–44**

Homeland Security Technical Corrections: H.R. 1416, amended, to make technical corrections to the Homeland Security Act of 2002 (agreed to by 2/3 yea-and-nay vote of 415 yeas with none voting “nay,” Roll No. 311). **Pages H5727–33, H5795–96**

Department of Homeland Security Appropriations Act: The House passed H.R. 2555, making appropriations for the Department of Homeland Security for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2004, by yea-and-nay vote of 425 yeas to 2 nays, Roll No. 310. **Pages H5734–95**

Agreed To:

Terry amendment that sought to increase funding for first responders by \$20 million with \$10 million for grants to State and local law enforcement for terrorism prevention activities and \$10 million for firefighter assistance grants with offsets of \$20 million from the Transportation Security Administration; **Pages H5761–64**

Hayes amendment that prohibits that any funding to be used in contravention of the applicable provisions of the Buy American Act; and **Page H5776**